

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 JOSEPH CARTER,

11 Plaintiff,

CASE NO. C20-0123-JCC

12 JENNY DURKAN *et al.*,

13 Defendant.

ORDER

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15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendants' motion to dismiss (Dkt. No. 13).

16 Defendants filed their motion on March 20, 2020. Plaintiff has failed to respond to Defendant's
17 motion. If a plaintiff fails to respond to a defendant's motion to dismiss, then a district court may
18 dismiss the case without reaching the merits. *See* W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 7(b)(2); *Ghazali v.*
19 *Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53–54 (9th Cir. 1995); *Marcus v. ABC Signature Studios, Inc.*, 279 F. Supp.
20 3d 1056, 1063 (C.D. Cal. 2017). The Court finds that approach appropriate here. Consequently,
21 the Court DISMISSES Plaintiff's complaint without prejudice. The Clerk is DIRECTED to close
22 this case.

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1 DATED this 22nd day of April 2020.
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7 John C. Coughenour
8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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